# MINUTES

OF THE

# SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

## PHILADELPHIA CHURCH,

LINCOLN CO., MISS.,

*September 25th, 26th and 28th, A. D. 1885.*

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**OFFICERS:**

H. C. CONN, - - - - - - - - - - - - - MODERATOR.
J. D. GRANBERRY, - - - - - - - - - - - - CLERK.
C. J. GREEN, - - - - - - - - - - - - - TREASURER.

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**TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Smyrna Church, Copiah Co., Miss, FRIDAY before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1886.

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# MINUTES
OF THE
# Union Baptist Association.

## FIRST DAY.

### Morning Session.

FRIDAY, September 25th 1885.

Pursuant to adjournment, the UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened in its Sixty-Fifth Annual Session, with Philadelphia Church, Lincoln County Mississippi, on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1885.

The Association begun devotional exercises at 10 A. M. and continued in song and prayer until 11 A. M., then took a recess of ten minutes, after which Bro. S. W. Sibley read the 12th chapter of 1st Corinthians and offered prayer. Then after singing Bro. S. W. Sibley preached the Introductory Sermon from 1 Cor. 12:31 "And yet show I unto you, a more excellent way."

Then on motion an intermission of one hour was taken.

### Afternoon Session.

Bro. Moderator, H. C. Conn, presiding. After song and prayer by Eld. A. A. Lomax, Bro. Moderator appointed as Reading Clerks Eld. Jos. Buckles and A. St. C. Thompson and the following delegates were enrolled viz: from

*Antioch*—J. F. Conn, M. D. Buffkin.

*Bethesda*—M. S. Nevels.

*Beech Grove*—Wm. Holder.

*Bethany*—J. J. Embry, R. W. Boren.

*Bethlehem*—J.M. Griffin, T. R. Whitehead, T. M. Ellerby.
*Brushy Fork*—Jas. Bailes, Jno. Bailes.
*Damascus*—R. Coxwell, B. Higdon, J. D. Granberry.
*Fellowship*—G. W. Foster, Charlie Foster.
*Gallman*—B. M. Kethly, F. D. Burrage, S. B. Redus.
*Greenbrier*—J. W. Walters, J. A. Loyd, J. S. Daniels.
*Hazlehurst*—H. C. Conn, Elds. A. A. Lomax and S. W. Sibley.
*New Zion*—R. E. Manning, C. J. Green, J. E. Lowe.
*New Providence*—Francis Davis, Brown Middleton.
*Philadelphia*—W. F. Smith, C. W. Womack, J. E. Decell.
*Pine Bluff*—L. K. Russell, T. J. Martin.
*Pleasant Hill*—A. R. Lum, J. M Smith, C. L. Furr, J. H. Furr.
*Port Gibson*—Wm. B. Thompson, A. St. C. Thompson,
*Rodney*—Z. T. Emanuel.
*Spring Hill*—W. B. Yates.
*Sims' Chapel*—M. M. Ashley, R. B. Thetford, J. W. Moore.
*Smyrna*—J. W. Patrick, H. J. Simmons.
*White Oak*—Wm. L. Cooper, O. W. Simmons, T. J. Anderson.

Then, on motion, went into a permanent organization. The Reading Clerks were appointed tellers. On motion, Eld. S. W. Sibley was authorized to cast the ballot for permanent officers. Ballot, for Moderator, H. C. CONN, for Clerk, J. D. GRANBERRY, for Treasurer C. J. GREEN.

Then, on motion, adopted the following order of business, viz:

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Organize.
3. Call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Call for Correspondence.
5. Appointment of Committees.
6. Appointment of Corresponding Messengers.
7. Hearing Reports.
8. Motions and Resolutions.
9. Adjourn.

PETITIONARY LETTERS.

A letter from Sims' Chapel Church was received and she was received into Union Association, by the Moderator extending the hand of fellowship to her delegates, brethren M. M. Ashley, R. B. Thetford and J. W. Moore.

CALLED FOR CORRESPONDENCE.

Enrolled from—

*Fair River Association*—Eld. J. R. Farish, B. T. Hobbs, T. J. Hudson.

*Strong River Association*—Elds. J. J. Green and I. H. Anding.

*Mississippi River Association*—E B. Seale.

*State Convention Board*—Eld. A. A. Lomax.

APPOINTMENT OF CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS.

*To Strong River Association*—Elds. A. A. Lomax, Jos. Buckles and B. M. Kethly.

*Fair River Association*—Elds. A. A. Lomax, Jos. Buckles and Jos. Chiles.

*Mississippi River Association*—T. R. Whitehead.

*Central Association*—Eld. S. W. Sibley.

*State Convention*—Elds. A. A. Lomax, Jos. Buckles, S. W. Sibley, L. S. Foster, and H. C. Conn, G. W. Foster and T. J. Martin.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES—Eld. Jos. Buckles, Jos. Chiles and W. F. Smith.

ON FINANCE—G. W. Foster, R. Coxwell and B. Higdon.

ON NOMINATIONS—Eld. S. W. Sibley, R. E. Manning, C. L. Furr, B. M. Kethly and G. W. Foster.

# HEARING REPORTS.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE—the Report was read, received and, on motion, was made a special order for 10 o'clock tomorrow.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—the Report was read and, on motion, the Rules of Business were suspended and the following Resolutions were read discussed and adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, The Baptist State Convention of Mississippi at its last session materially changed the plan of its operations and, WHEREAS: This plan is yet unknown to the Associations, therefore:

*Resolved* 1*st*. That this Association accept this change and heartily co-operate with the Convention Board in prosecuting the work of the Baptist State Convention of Mississippi.

*Resolved 2nd.* That the Moderator of this Association appoint a committee of seven (7) to consider and report upon this matter to this body and also apportion among the churches of this Association the amount asked for by the Convention Board —said amount being $1050.00

COMMITTEE:—Elds. A. A. Lomax, Jos. Buckles, and G. W. Foster, Wm. L. Cooper, C. J. Green, B. M. Kethly and Wm. Holder.

On motion, adjourned until 9 A. M. tomorrow.

Benediction by Eld. J. J. Green.

# SECOND DAY.

## Morning Session.

SATURDAY, Sept. 26th. 1885.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Eld. J. R. Farish.

Proceeded to business.

The report on *Mississippi College* was taken up, discussed by Elds. I. H. Anding, A. A. Lomax and J. R. Farish, and adopted, viz:

### REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

It was truly said by the late Dr. M. P. Lowrey that, Mississippi College is *the heart* of our State Convention. It is the foundation of our denominational work in this State. It is the centre of our Missionary work. It is the agency which, more than any thing else, has placed the denomination in its present commanding position. The following facts ought to be carefully considered concerning this College.

1. It has educated the rank and file of the Baptist membership in the State to the extent of its ability.

2. It has done a magnificent work in the education of our ministry. Its *Alumni* are found in prominent pulpits all over the State: and it has made large ministerial contributions to other states.

3. It has the distinguished honor of having sent earnest Missionaries to foreign fields, such as Simmons and Joiner of China, David of Africa and Eager of Italy.

4. Its course of study is thorough and comprehensive, second to none in the South; and its faculty are able, self-sacrificing and consecrated Christian men.

5. It richly deserves endowment and the hearty patronage of Baptists of the State. It could be endowed so easily. It is not a question of *ability*, but of *determination*. An average of $2.00 from each of the 60,000 Baptists of the State would place it upon a solid basis and the contribution would not be felt.

6. In the meantime, it should be supported by Baptists because of the great and blessed work it is doing. Shall not WE have a share in its grand work and blessed success?

L. S. FOSTER, COM.

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Was taken up discussed and adopted, viz:

Your committee on Foreign Missions submits the following Report:

The cause of Foreign Missions rests upon the broad and firm basis of Christ's command to "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." That command contains an unlimited commission, and it enjoins an unlimited duty. The commission will not be executed, nor the duty it commands be fully discharged, until all in every land and country have heard the joyful sound of the gospel call. (We are solemnly bound, by our allegiance to Christ, to send the gospel to those who are without its blessings.) To disobey, to plead excuses, or to even hesitate, is to subject ourselves to the displeasure of the Master.

The natural and Scriptural order for missions are the same: "beginning at Jerusalem." When a man hears the gospel his first duty is to seek his own salvation, then that of his friends and neighbors; and ultimately the salvation of all men. (The duty of every community is to have the gospel preached in its own midst; then to help have it preached in some other community.) Our Lord likened His kingdom unto leaven, which it resembles in that its manner of extending itself is by the contact of particle with particle. The spirit of missions, therefore, is like leaven in the meal. It first influences those nearest it, then operates through them upon others, and thus extends its influence with an ever-widening circle until it embraces the entire world. Actuated by this spirit the different denominations of Christians are rapidly extending their work of Christianizing men to the "uttermost parts of the earth."

Our own denomination seems to be behind none in zeal and activity in the good cause. The Macedonian cry for help is being answered as promptly as circumstances will permit, and new laborers are being constantly sent into the field. But while much is being done, much more is needed to be done. New calls are made every day, and new demands for men and money are to be met every day.

In view of these facts your committee calls upon every one within the bounds of this Association, who is loyal to the Master, to respond to the appeal of the Secretary of our Convention Board, with a contribution for Foreign Missions that the good work may not stop, but continue. Respectfully,

JOS. BUCKLES, Com.

### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The report was read discussed, and adopted, and the *house* by a rising vote unanimously adopted the same, viz:

Your committee on Temperance submits the following:

The Temperance cause is gaining ground in nearly every part of our State. The more it is agitated the more popular it becomes. Many of the secular papers favor it outright, while others open their columns to the friends of this great movement. Our ministers, almost to a man, are sound to the core and alive to the importance of this growing question. The churches are wheeling, almost unanimously, into line and sustaining the pastors in the fight with the crime of crimes and woe of woes. We thank God and take courage. Where Prohibition is established by law, a vast improvement in morals and business is manifest, even to the casual observer. The overthrow of the rum-raffic in Mississippi, is only a question of time, energy and endurance. If we are true to our high trust and the responsibilities of the hour, *the saloon must go* and when it does *let all the people say, Amen!* We note with pleasure the work being done by the noble women (God bless them) of our State, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. The opposition to Temperance is organized, equipped and determined; shrewd in counsel and unscrupulous in measures. This enemy of all good must be watched, throttled, exterminated. It is a struggle for existence, and the survival of the fittest. As the friends of Temperance we have come to stay, and we hereby and hereon record our matured purpose never to cease our efforts until every piratical flag of King Alcohol is torn from the staff and every saloon and every saloonist with bag and baggage is driven from the land. May Heaven witness our vow, and God give us strength to carry it out.

Respectfully, ALEX A. LOMAX, Com.

On motion, took an intermission of one hour.

## *Afternoon Session.*

Resumed business by song. Prayer by Eld. J. J. Green.

## REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Report read, discussed and adopted, viz:

Your committee on Pastoral Support begs leave to say that in his opinion, every member of the church should contribute something to the support of his pastor. And when he or she fails to do their duty in this respect it may be from a want of knowledge in regard to what their duty is. Then, we think, the officers of the church should tell them what their duty is, and admonish them to come up to the full measure of what they feel to be their privilege as well as their duty. The church need have no fear of making the pastor rich, but, we do think, that the church should enable the pastor to live as well, dress as well and educate his children as well as his flock does. We further believe it to be the duty of the church to pay her pastor's salary quarterly in advance. Respectfully submitted,

J. E. CHILES, Com.

## REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Report read, discussed and adopted, viz:

We recognize the work of our women, in the churches, as highly productive of goood. Through their organized efforts they have brought into activity an element hitherto latent. Through their consecrated efforts, they have not only brought themselves into the line of duty, but they have done much toward enlivening the whole church. To the end that their work may become more efficient in advancing the Master's cause, the following is respectfully suggested:

1. That each church in the Association encourage an organization of the sisters into a Ladies Aid' Society.

2. That these societies act in conjunction with their respective churches, and that they be requested to report their proceedings quarterly, to the Central Committee, at Oxford.

Respectfully, S. W. SIBLEY, Com.

The Committee on DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES reported:

To conduct S. S. Mass Meeting, at 10 A. M. tomorrow
Eld I. H. Anding.

To preach in the Baptist church at 11 A. M. tomorrow
Eld. J. R. Farish.

To " " " " " at 2:30 P. M. tomorrow
Eld S. W. Sibley.

To preach in the M. E. church at 11 A. M. tomorrow
Eld. A. A. Lomax.
To " " " " " " " 2:30 P. M. " Eld. J. J. Green.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee, { JOS. BUCKLES, J. E. CHILES,
W. F. SMITH

On motion the Rules were suspended and the following Resolution was amended and adopted, viz:

*Resolved*,- That the duties of the committee on Nominations be amended so as to embrace the nomination of all Annual Committees—also that two more names be added to said committee.

Respectfully, J. J. EMBRY.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.—The report was read, received and, on motion, adjourned until 9 A. M. Monday.

Benediction by Eld. A. A. Lomax.

# THIRD DAY.

## *Morning Session.*

9 A. M. MONDAY, Sept. 28th. 1885.

Devotional Exercises were conducted by Eld. J. J. Green.

Resumed the consideration of Report on *Ministerial Education.*

On motion, adopted same, viz:

### REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

"Thirty-seven young ministers have been in attendance at Mississippi College during the last session." The Board of Ministerial Education is free from debt and has money enough on hand to pay the board of twelve men for one month each next session. This is cause for thanksgiving to Almighty God. "It is gratifying to know that the supply of material for Baptist preachers is not diminishing, but that the churches are still sending forth young men burdened with the desire to preach the Gospel. How many of those who have the burden of preaching on their hearts, would be found in our schools making preparation were they not restrained by the heavy hand of poverty." It is right to share the burden with them. Let us do so liberally, and Heaven will requite us with a Godly ministry.

Respectfully,
ALEX A. LOMAX, COM.

## REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

The report was read, discussed, *increased* and adopted, viz:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the matter of apportioning among the churches of this Association the amount asked for by the Convention Board, beg leave to submit the following:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hazlehurst | $250 00 | Smyrna | $ 25 00 |
| Damascus | 125 00 | Pine Bluff | 50 00 |
| Gallman | 75 00 | Brushy Fork | 25 00 |
| New Zion | 75 00 | Greenbrier | 20 00 |
| Spring Hill | 60 00 | Bethany | 10 00 |
| White Oak | 75 00 | Antioch | 10 00 |
| New Providence | 75 00 | Port Gibson | 30 00 |
| Fellowship | 40 00 | Bethesda | 5 00 |
| Philadelphia | 40 00 | Rodney | 25 00 |
| Beech Grove | 25 00 | Sims' Chapel | 10 00 |
| Pleasant Hill | 30 00 | Bethlehem | 20 00 |
| | | | $1100 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

Committee { ALEX A. LOMAX, JOS. BUCKLES, G. W. FOSTER, B. M. KETHLY, WM. L. COOPER, WM. HOLDER.

## REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Report read, discussed and adopted, viz:

Our State Mission work presents itself under two phases—the favorable and the unfavorable. The unfavorable is seen in the fact that the field we would occupy for Jesus has much destitution. Many weak churches that are doing but little in support of the gospel are asking aid and a number of communities that are entirely destitute are calling for the gospel. Some of the places that have been occupied for the past few years had to be relinquished under the painful necessity of means to continue the work. Although there were as many as twenty-three missionaries in the field at the opening of the Convention year, this number, by the first of the present year, was reduced to thirteen. "This reduction," says the Sec'y of the Board, "was not because the demand for missionaries was less, but because of the stringency of finances and the embarrassed condition of the Board." There is, however, a favorable view of the work. The debt, which for several years burdened our Board, has been greatly

reduced. There is encouragement also, in the fact that some of our Mission Posts report either self-sustaining, or ask for a much less appropriation. Added to this the Lord has greatly blessed the labors of our missionaries. They report the number of baptisms in their fields and where they have labored at 326. They have done much also in the distribution of religious literature, in increasing the circulation of the *Record*, in building up industrial schools, Sunday schools and prayer meetings, in helping the poor and visiting the sick. Brethren, this work bearing upon it the seal of our Lord's approval, calls loudly upon every true lover of Jesus to come to its support. Let us respond to the calls of the poor, whom, Jesus says, we have always with us, in giving them the blessed gospel.

How poor they must be, though rich in this world, if they have not a knowledge of Jesus and his love in their souls!

Respectfully submitted.

I. H. ANDING, Com.

## REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Report read and adopted, viz:

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention with Dr. I. T. Tichenor, as corresponding Secretary is located at Atlanta, Ga. Its object is to supply destitute sections in the Southern States, to give the gospel to the Indians, and to the city of New Orleans. It has in its employ one hundred and eighty-five missionaries, who reported last year 16,039 sermons and addresses delivered, 2931 baptisms, 53 churches constituted, $15,000 raised and expended for building houses of worship. This Board has accomplished a grand work for the Master, and is worthy of the prayers and hearty support of our people.

Respectfully submitted,

J. JASPER GREEN, Com.

## REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Report read, discussed and adopted, viz;

Your committee on Publications submits this Report:

As the physical system requires food to develop and strengthen the physical man, so the mental and moral systems require food to develop and strengthen the mental and moral man. As the physical man may feed upon improper food to the injury and sometimes to the destruction of the body, so the mental and moral man may feed upon food that will injure, and even sometimes destroy the mind and soul. The food upon which the mental and moral systems feed is furnished

by the press, which is daily scattering its papers, periodicals and books broadcast over the land. It is therefore of the greatest importance that good and sound reading matter be placed in the hands of the people, especially of the rising generation. The literature published by the Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia is good and sound, as is also the *Christian Repository and Home Circle*, published at St. Louis, by brother and sister S. H. Ford.

As a means of ascertaining and informing ourselves as to the progress and needs of our Foreign Mission work, the *Foreign Mission Journal* of Richmond, Va., is recommended. But your committee would especially endorse and recommend the *Baptist Record*, of Clinton, Miss., and *Kind Words*, of Macon, Ga., as sound in doctrine, Christly in spirit and faithful in their efforts to advance the interests and work of our denomination. The *Record* is recommended as the best medium of ascertaining the wants of our people within the bounds of our State Convention, and of improving ourselves as to the best methods of meeting those wants. Respectfully,

JOS. BUCKLES, Com.

### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

To preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld A. A. Lomax,
Alternate—Eld. R. H. Purser.
Place of meeting, Smyrna.

Annual Committee on—
Mississippi College—Eld. A. A. Lomax.
Ministerial Education—Eld. L. S. Foster.
Foreign Missions—Eld. S. W. Sibley.
State Missions—Eld. I. H. Anding.
Home Missions—Eld. R. H. Purser.
Temperance—Eld. J. Jasper Green.
Pastoral Support—Eld. Jos. Buckles.
Publications—G. W. Foster.
Woman's Work—B. M. Kethly.
Sunday Schools—J. J. Embry.

Respectfully, S. W. SIBLEY, Ch'n.

### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Report read and adopted.

Your committee on Sunday Schools would submit the following:

From the reports sent up by the churches of their Sunday

schools we conclude that there is considerable interest taken among some of them in this important branch of Christian work: yet we are certain that it does not receive the attention that its importance demands. In our opinion the Sabbath school is next in importance to the preaching of the gospel, in giving the children and youth of our land a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures. We think it very important that we give this knowledge as early in life as possible. The earliest impressions are the most lasting. Hence the great importance of every Christian, especially every Christian parent, giving this subject his earnest and prayerful attention. One of the most important points in this matter is to arouse, or wake up parents and Christians generally to a full realization of the great and solemn responsibility resting upon them in regard to this work. In order to accomplish this let every minister and delegate work earnestly, zealously and prayerfully to accomplish it. If they would do this we believe that great good might be done, and great improvement made in this work. Respectfully submitted,

C. J. GREEN, Com.

## REPORT ON FINANCE.

Report read and adopted, viz:

Your committee on Finance would ask leave to report that we have examined the Treasurer's report and find the same correct, also find sent up by the different churches for objects as follows:

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| Foreign Missions | $29 50 |
| Home Missions | 1 50 |
| State Missions | 7 05 |
| Associational Missions | 99 00 |
| Ministerial Education | 7 95 |
| Mississippi College | 8 90 |
| Sabbath collections, Foreign Mssions | 16 70 |
| Total | $170 60 |

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. FOSTER, Ch'n.

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1885.

C. J. GREEN, Treasurer,

*In Account with Union Baptist Association:*

1884. RECEIPTS.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sept. 29 | Am'ts. from churches | | | for Associational purposes | $ 85 15 |
| | " | " | " | " State Missions | 145 95 |
| | " | " | " | " Foreign Missions | 87 30 |
| | " | " | " | " Home Missions | 4 00 |
| | " | " | " | " Ministerial Education | 9 20 |
| | | | | Total | $331 60 |

| 1884. | | CREDITS. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Oct. 2. | Paid Geo. Whitfield, for Foreign Missions | | $ 87 30 |
| " | " Geo. W. Leavell " State " | | 145 95 |
| " | " A. V. Rowe " Ministerial Education | | 9 20 |
| " | " H. F. Sproles " Home Missions | | 4 00 |
| " | " Towards paying " Minutes Convention | | 5 00 |
| Nov. 13 | " Chas. Winkley " printing Minutes | | 48 00 |
| Oct. 2. | " J. D. Granberry, Clerk services | | 25 00 |
| Nov. 20. | " " " " for Postage, Mailing etc. Minutes | | 3 50 |
| " | " Geo. W. Leavell for State Missions | | 3 65 |
| | | Total | $331 60 |

## MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That five dollars of the Associational funds be appropriated for publishing Minutes of the Baptist State Convention.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of our Association be allowed twenty-five (25) dollars for his serveies, that he have printed the number of Minutes called for by the churches (the Treasurer paying for same) and that the Treasurer turn over balance to Sec'y of State Convention.

On motion a letter of dismission was granted to Bethlehem church.

On motion, returned thanks to Philadelphia church, and for the use of the M. E. church, and for the proffered use of the Presbyterian church, and for their respective unbounded hospitality.

The committee on Nominations requested Eld. I. H. Anding to preach at 2:30 P. M.

The Clerk read the Minutes which were adopted.

Then, on motion, adjourned to meet as recommended by the Nominating Committee.

Benediction by bro. T. J. Hudson.

H. C. CONN,
*Moderator.*

J. D. GRANBERRY,
*Clerk.*

# FORM OF LETTER.

*The*.....*Baptist Church,*

**To Union Baptist Association:**

We send as delegates to represent in us your body our brethren .....and as alternates .....

STATISTICS—CHURCH.

Received—by Baptism.....; by letter.....; by restoration .....; Total..... Lost—by death.....; by letter.....; by expulsion.....; Total..... Membership last year.....; increase.....; diminution..... Present membership—males .....; females Total.....

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Pastor's Salary.....; Foreign Missions.....; Home Missions .....; State Missions.....; Associational Missions..... Ministerial Education.....; Mississippi College.....; Other Objects.....; Total.....

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Value of house of worship.....; of other property.....; Expended on buildings and repairs.....

STATISTICS—SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Officers and teachers.....; Scholars.....; Total....., Times of Meeting.....; Expenses..... .....; Literature used..... .... Superintendent .....Contributions by other bodies (included in church contributions).....
Pastor.....Post-office.....
Clerk.....Post-office.....
Ordained ministers.....Licentiates.....

REMARKS.

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We ask for.....copies of your minutes.

May the Great Head of the church manifest His presence in your meetings, and make your deliberations harmonious and to the glory of God.

Done by order of the church in conference.....188...

.....Moderator.

.....Clerk.

# Statistics of the Churches.

| CHURCHES. | COUNTIES. | ABSTRACTS. | Time of Meeting. | Baptized. | Rec. by letter | Restored. | Dis. by letter. | Excluded. | Died. | Males. | Females. | Total. | No. of Minutes. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Antioch | Copiah | | 4th Sab. | ... | 24 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 21 | 32 | 53 | 30 |
| Bethany | Copiah | | 9 | 5 | 5 | ... | 1 | ... | 1 | 27 | 34 | 61 | 20 |
| Bethlehem | Franklin | Greatly revived | 3rd Sab | 10 | 6 | 1 | ... | ... | 2 | 30 | 55 | ... | 25 |
| Bethesda | Jefferson | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 22 | 32 | 15 |
| Brushy Fork | Copiah | Revived | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 35 | 42 | 77 | 25 |
| Beech Grove | Claiborne | Strengthened | 2nd Sab. | 10 | ... | 5 | 2 | ... | 1 | 20 | 39 | 59 | 15 |
| Damascus | Copiah | | 1st Sab. | 16 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 106 | 180 | 286 | 60 |
| Fellowship | Jefferson | Revived | 1st & 3rd. | 6 | 4 | 1 | 19 | 2 | 4 | 34 | 52 | 86 | 25 |
| Gallman | Copiah | | 2nd Sab. | 3 | 5 | 2 | ... | ... | 2 | 32 | 47 | 79 | 20 |
| Greenbrier | Claiborne | | | 10 | 2 | 3 | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | 42 | 25 |
| Hazlehurst | Copiah | | Ev. Sab. | 3 | 3 | ... | 3 | 1 | 3 | 41 | 76 | 117 | 25 |
| New Zion | Copiah | | 2nd & 4th | ... | 4 | 4 | 5 | ... | ... | 56 | 85 | 141 | 40 |
| New Providence | Copiah | Prosperous | 1st Sab | 21 | 7 | ... | 5 | ... | 1 | 33 | 42 | 75 | 25 |
| Philadelphia | Lincoln | | 2nd Sab. | ... | 4 | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 23 | 26 | 51 | 25 |
| Pine Bluff | Copiah | Greatly revived | | 16 | 11 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 61 | 136 | 197 | 10 |
| Port Gibson | Claiborne | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 | 28 | 35 | 10 |
| Pleasant Hill | Copiah | Revived | 4th Sab. | 30 | 10 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 76 | 60 | 136 | 10 |
| Rodney | Jefferson | | 2nd & 4th | 1 | ... | ... | 3 | 1 | ... | 11 | 10 | 21 | 10 |
| Spring Hill | Copiah | | 3rd Sab. | 7 | 1 | ... | 4 | ... | 1 | 35 | 39 | 74 | 25 |
| Sims' Chapel | Claiborne | | 1st Sab. | ... | 22 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 | 10 | 22 | 15 |
| Smyrna | Copiah | | | ... | 5 | 3 | 2 | ... | ... | 15 | 29 | 44 | 20 |
| White Oak | Copiah | Greatly Revived | 3rd Sab. | 10 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 43 | 60 | 103 | 35 |

# Sent up by the Churches.

| CHURCHES. | Foreign Missions. | Home Missions. | State Missions. | Associational Missions. | Ministerial Education. | Mississippi College. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Antioch | 1 00 | | | 5 10 | | |
| Bethesda | | | | 3 15 | 1 40 | |
| Bethlehem | | | | 4 50 | | |
| Brushy Fork | 1 15 | | | 4 50 | | |
| Beech Grove | | | | 2 30 | | |
| Damascus | | | | 10 00 | | |
| Fellowship | | | | 4 00 | | |
| Gallman | | | | 4 55 | | |
| Greenbrier | 50 | | | 3 00 | | |
| Hazlehurst | 5 50 | | | 4 00 | | 3 50 |
| New Zion | | | | 4 10 | | |
| New Providence | | | | 5 55 | | |
| Philadelphia | | | | 3 00 | | |
| Pine Bluff | | | 50 | 5 25 | | |
| Pleasant Hill | 4 55 | | | 5 00 | 2 90 | |
| Rodney | 2 90 | | 2 90 | 3 00 | | |
| Spring Hill | | | | 5 00 | | |
| Sims' Chapel | 8 25 | 1 50 | | 2 75 | | |
| Smyrna | | | | 2 00 | 3 65 | 1 90 |
| White Oak | 3 65 | | 3 65 | 10 00 | | |
| Port Gibson | 2 00 | | | 5 75 | | |
| Bethany | | | | 2 50 | 1 40 | 3 50 |
| Total | $29 50 | $1 50 | $7 05 | $99 00 | $7 95 | $8 90 |

# CHURCH WORK.

| CHURCHES. | Pastor's Salary. | Foreign Missions. | Home Missions. | State Missions. | Associational Missions. | Ministerial Education. | Mississippi College. | Other Objects. | Value of House of Worship. | Other Property. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Antioch | $100 00 | | | | 5 10 | | | | $400. | |
| Bethany | 50 00 | | | | 2 50 | | | | 150. | 5 00 |
| Bethesda | 30 00 | | | | 3 15 | 1 40 | | | | |
| Bethlehem | | | | | 4 50 | | | | | |
| Brushy Fork | 75 00 | 1 15 | | 2 05 | 4 50 | | | 26 00 | 600. | 4 00 |
| Beech Grove | 75 00 | | | 6 00 | 4 50 | 4 25 | 4 80 | 33 50 | 500. | 15 |
| Damascus | 250 00 | 37 20 | | | 2 30 | 22 00 | | | 200. | |
| Fellowship | 350 00 | 15 00 | | | 10 00 | 10 00 | 10 00 | 224 00 | 2000. | 130 00 |
| Gallman | 60 00 | 7 35 | | 23 00 | 4 00 | 5 00 | 18 00 | 193 15 | 500. | 200 00 |
| Greenbrier | 140 00 | 10 00 | | 6 00 | 4 55 | | 2 00 | | 1000. | |
| Hazlehurst | 800 00 | 88 65 | | 16 70 | 6 50 | | | 14 00 | | |
| New Zion | 250 00 | 3 00 | | 97 00 | 4 00 | 5 00 | | 40 00 | 6000. | |
| New Providence | 200 00 | | | 15 00 | 4 10 | 17 22 | 17 22 | | 1000. | 100 00 |
| Philadelphia | 132 00 | 50 | | 47 | 5 55 | | 41 00 | | 900. | |
| Pine Bluff | 150 00 | 3 05 | | 17 30 | 3 00 | 2 00 | 11 00 | 29 05 | 1100. | 70 00 |
| Port Gibson | | | | 12 00 | 5 25 | | 7 00 | | | |
| Pleasant Hill | 130 00 | 2 90 | | 2 90 | 5 75 | | | | 1200. | |
| Rodney | 125 00 | 10 00 | | 5 00 | 5 00 | 2 90 | | | 150. | |
| Spring Hill | 150 00 | 8 25 | 1 00 | 13 20 | 3 00 | 4 00 | 5 25 | 12 00 | 600. | 200 00 |
| Sims' Chapel | | | | | 5 00 | | | | 1500. | |
| Smyrna | 125 00 | 3 65 | | 3 65 | 2 75 | | | | | |
| White Oak | 200 00 | 12 00 | | 40 00 | 2 00 | 3 65 | 1 90 | | 400. | |
| | | | | | | 4 00 | 20 00 | 82 70 | 900. | |

# DIRECTORY OF UNION ASSOCIATION.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | CLERKS. | POST OFFICES. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Antioch | S. R. Young | J. F. Conn | Hazlehurst |
| Bethany | Henry Purser | R. W. Boren | Hermansville |
| Bethlehem | G. W. Farmer | E. J. Kinnison | Hamburg |
| Bethesda | T. P. Stewart | J. W. Smith | Perth |
| Brushy Fork | S. R. Young | G. F. Boren | Hermansville |
| Beech Grove | S. G. Cooper | Wm. Holder | Martin |
| Damascus | R. H. Purser | J. D. Granberry | Hazlehurst |
| Fellowship | L. S. Foster | B. F. Watkins | Lee |
| Gallman | S. W. Sibley | S. B. Redus | Gallman |
| Greenbrier | S. M. Ellis | A. T. Haley | Hermansville |
| Hazlehurst | S. W. Sibley | C. M. Bankston | Hazlehurst |
| New Zion | A. J. Miller | W. J. Scott | Crystal Springs |
| New Providence | J. Jasper Green | P. H. Davis | Bowerton |
| Philadelphia | Jos. Buckles | J. E. Decell | Caseyville |
| Pine Bluff | S. R. Young | M. Hood | Utica |
| Port Gibson | | E. B. Thompson | Port Gibson |
| Pleasant Hill | Jos. Buckles | A. J. Foster | Union Church |
| Rodney | L. S. Foster | E. L. Boils | Rodney |
| Spring Hill | J. E. Thigpen | W. F. Renfrow | Beauregard |
| Sims' Chapel | L. S. Foster | T. S. Cotton | Port Gibson |
| Smyrna | J. A. Scarborough | B. Simmons | Hazlehurst |
| White Oak | J. Jasper Green | Wm. L. Cooper | Utica |

# ARTICLES OF FAITH

OF THE

# Union Baptist Association.

ADOPTED, FIRST SESSION, SEPTEMBER 18, 1820.

PREAMBLE.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith, are convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for a preservation of our union among churches of the same faith and order, we, therefore, agree to form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz.:

I. We believe in one triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

II. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

III. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, in the imputation of all his sins to all his posterity, in the total depravity of human nature and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

IV. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love, that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling, and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ, imputed to them they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

V. We believe there is one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who, by the satisfaction he made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law that they might be holy and without blame before Him in love.

VI. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state; and that all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

VII. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, that the happiness of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting.

## GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a Church of Jesus Christ is a congregation of immersed believers, who have given themselves to the Lord, and to one another by the will of God, and have covenanted to keep up a godly discipline, agreeable to the rules of the gospel.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of the church—the only Lawgiver—and the government is with the church.

3. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4. That the immersion of the body in water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is the only Scriptural baptism, as taught by Christ and His Apostles.

5. That none but regularly baptized church members, who live a holy life, have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. That it is the privilege and duty of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, by submitting themselves, as subjects of baptism and as members, to the visible church.

7. That it is the duty of every regularly organized church to expel from her communion, all disorderly and immoral members or those who hold doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

# RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Those delegates who are regularly chosen by the churches of our Union, shall compose the Association.

2. The delegates so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with the number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and dead, since the last Association.

3. delegates thus chosen and convened, shall be denominated the "UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

4. The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into this Union, they shall petition by letter and delegates. If received, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship. The Association shall always have the power to receive or reject applicants for membership.

6. No church in this Union shall have a right to more than three delegates, unless she shall exceed one hundred members; then she shall have a right to an additional delegate for every additional fifty members.

7. Every query sent to the Association, by any church in the Union, shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator whether it shall be debated; and if there shall be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; provided, always, that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the person who made it.

9. Only one person shall speak at once, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator.

10. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted except he depart from the subject, break the Rules of Decorum, or cast reflections upon a brother, in which case he shall be immediately called to order by the Moderator.

11. No person shall speak more than twice upon the same subject, without leave of the Moderator.

12. No brother shall finally depart from the conference without leave of the Association.

13. All reports to this body shall be sent up in writing.

14. The Moderator shall have the liberty of speaking on any question that may be debated; provided, the chair be previously filled, but shall only have the privilege of voting when the Association is equally divided.

15. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association deems expedient.

16. We think it actually necessary to have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as it may think proper, and send them by their delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches, shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, by the Association appointed, who shall be accountable to the Association for all the money by him received, and paid out according to the direction of the same.

17. The name of no delegate shall appear upon the minutes of this Association, who absents himself before adjournment without leave of the Association.

18. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises.

## Powers of the Association.

1. It shall be the business of the Association to provide for the general union of the churches.

2. To keep up a friendly correspondence (when convenient) with other associations of the same faith and order.

3. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

4. It shall be the duty of the Association to give the churches the best advice in their power, in difficult matters, to inquire into any difficulties which may exist between sister churches, and remove them if possible.

5. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as assistants, but not to give them the privilege of voting.

6. This Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the Union, which may be unsound in principle or immoral in practice, until reclaimed.

7. To appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business which the Association may deem necessary.

8. The Association shall have the power to adjourn to any time or place they may think proper.

9. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

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